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National Park Service  
Pacific West Region  
1 Jackson Center  
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Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Proposed Railroad Abandonment  
Mount Vernon Terminal Railway, L.L.C. -- AB 771 X

Dear Sir or Madam:

Mount Vernon Terminal Railway Company proposes to abandon and discontinue service on the southern portion of its rail line, from MP .369 and MP 1.172 in Mount Vernon, Washington, a total distance of 4,240 feet. (See attached map, Exhibit A). The subject tracks are located wholly within the City of Mount Vernon, Washington, streets, and the city owns the underlying real estate. If abandonment is approved, the tracks will be removed (and salvaged) and the streets will be paved for full vehicle traffic use. The subject line is at the stub-end of applicant's line and has not produced any rail traffic in over two years, and there is no overhead traffic.

We previously served copies of our draft Environmental and Historical Reports on the affected line of railroad to your national office. The Surface Transportation Board advised me today that copies of our reports must also be sent to the affected National Park Service Regional office. Please find enclosed copies of the relevant reports filed with the Surface Transportation Board on March 3, 2005.

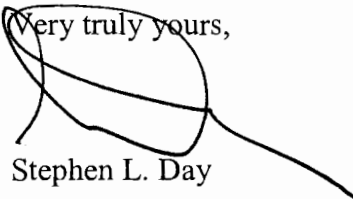
The affected Line of railroad runs down the middle of city street in Mount Vernon, Washington. The City has long wished to have the tracks removed so that the streets could be paved over. It is questionable whether or not the right-of-way would be suitable for trail development. The City

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attorney for Mount Vernon, Washington is Kevin Rogerson and he is fully aware of the details of this transaction. You may reach him at (360) 336-6203.

We request you review the proposed transaction and provide me and the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis any comments you might have of this proposed transaction. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. Day", written over the closing "Very truly yours,".

cc: Mr. George Stephenson  
Rini Ghosh, SEA, Surface Transportation Board